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105A NEWSLETTER

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Hendon Slims to raise funds for Education Aid



Above: Some of the Lions with the DG Lion Mike Baldwin, President Lion Ashwani Batra (on his left) and Mr V Modha (on his right) who received the cheque on behalf of BBEST.

At the start of 2002, Lion Shanker Modha announced a fund raising event with a difference - Gain Health with Weight Loss - Slimathon 2002 in which more than 50% of the members of the **Lions Club of London Hendon** participated to raise funds for "Education Aid" in India.

Coupled with the Slimathon, the singing Lions of the club, popularly known as "aKS2P" continued their musical activities and collectively both these efforts raised £5,656.56 which was donated to Bardai Brahmin Education Seva Trust (BBEST) an organisation that educates poor children in India. To date several students have attained various qualifications including medical doctors, engineers, teachers, micro biologists etc. Lion Shanker Modha, Charter member, is a trustee of this organisation since it's formation in 1996.

Great News ! Great News !

Following the tremendous efforts of our District PRO and VDG, Lion Elliot Shubert, Glaxo Kline Smith has awarded District 105A over £2,000 towards the Senior Citizen's Party to be held on 2 February 2003. Thanks to Lion Elliot from all in District 105A, Well Done. **Editor**

CARE 2 SHARE ?

Please note correction of e-mail address given in last issue for Lion Andrew Allen is as follows :
andrew1.allen@btopenworld.com

10 things you didn't know about Lions

I am picking up on a idea which came out of a club meeting with **Ruislip Lions**. With so many new members it's a sort of fun orientation course.

1. Lions Clubs International was founded in 1917 by Melvyn Jones
2. The First Club in GB & Ireland (MD105) was London Host (London Host's mother club is Windsor, Ontario)
3. The Second Club in GB & Ireland was Hayes & Harlington (Mother club London Central, Ontario)
4. Lions Clubs International helped draft the Social Chapter of the UN Charter hence Lions Day with the United Nations.
5. PIP Lion Bert Mason of Co.Down N. Ireland is the only International President from MD 105.
6. Our association with sight and sight related issues (Campaign Sight First, Lions Eye Health Programme, Eye Camps, spectacle collection etc is a result of the challenge of Helen Keller to all Lions to be "Knights of the Blind" (You can hear this challenge at convention on 1 March)
7. The white stick signifying a blind person was the idea of a Lion who was watching a blind person trying to cross the road and realised that the drivers did not realise he was blind
8. LIONS stands for Liberty Intelligence Our Nations Safety.
9. There is a difference between LCI (Lions Clubs International) and LCIF (Lions Clubs International Foundation) LCIF did not come into existence as a foundation until (I think) 1968. I look upon LCIF as the Charity arm and LCI as the Admin arm.
10. Each year grants of around \$ 24,000,000 are awarded around the world.

DISTRICT CABINET APPOINTMENTS (2003-2004)

Would you like to serve on the District Cabinet or Do you wish to continue as a District Officer?

Are you prepared to make a firm commitment to attend all Cabinet meetings?

Will you submit written reports to the District Secretary?

Are you willing to make Club visitations as a District Officer?

Are you a "team player"?

If you answered "yes" to all of the above, I would welcome an application from you.

Please contact **VDG Lion Elliot Shubert** for an application form which needs to be returned by **7 February 2003**.

District Governor Lion Mike Baldwin

Kensington & Chelsea is Live & Kicking

Dear Editor,

As you know the Lions Club of Kensington & Chelsea is in the process of re-building and I thought it may be helpful to give a brief up date of the latest position. The club now has 15 members with several prospective members due to join. We also have an average attendance of over 85%. The club has on anvil an ambitious project of starting a Charity Shop which will be a good window for Lionistic publicity. The club also has various other Charity Projects and Social Functions lined up in next few months. One of the functions lined up is an Open House evening with local businessmen in London-Kensington are

Lion Vijay Jain

Lion Vijay and members of the Lions Club of London Kensington & Chelsea. I know that District Governor Lion Mike is pleased with the progress of the club and thanks all those concerned for their hard work.

Editor



Seen above in the picture are Lion President together with fellow Lions of London Kensington & Chelsea welcoming the newly inducted members

Are we moving forward or backward?

During the recent District 105A Member's Winter Forum, I attended the morning session chaired by DG Lion Mike Baldwin in which he stated that all clubs should have received a Video Cassette on Lions Clubs prepared by Multiple District at the cost of about £ 20,000. I understand it is a very good production giving details on Lions and can be very useful in enrolling new members. I have not seen it yet because it is with some other member of our club. I asked the DG why this could not be produced or copied on Compact Disc (CD) which is very cheap and can be given to every one and can be seen or shown easily on computer. Many very senior Lions in unison responded to my query that CD is still a new media, which is not used by most people as they only have Video Cassette Players. I wonder in which world our senior Lions are living. Today more than 90% people have computers in U.K. and most of the young people only know CD & DVD and not even aware of Video Cassettes. Every day we receive free CD's with our Newspapers or by Post as it cost almost nothing. I am 58 years old and use a Computer and CD all the time in my Business and Domestic life. Are we trying to enroll old people in Lions Movement who know only Video Cassettes or the New Generation with modern technology?

Lin Vijay Jain, Lions Club of London Kensington & Chelsea

INTER CLUB FELLOWSHIP GOLF DAY

Where?

West Herts Golf Club, Watford

When?

Friday 21st March 2003

How?

Club teams of two (male or female) are required.

Cost?

£40.00 per person

Includes full English breakfast and late Lunch

*Full details and application forms are available from your Club Secretary or direct from **Lion Peter Gent***

Telephone/ fax no.

01442 864472.

DISTRICT 105 A SENIOR CITIZENS PARTY

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Harrow Leisure Centre

On Sunday 2nd February 2003

From 2 pm onwards

3 hours of fun-packed entertainment

Bingo ~ Old Time Music Hall

Comedian ~ Good Food ~ Soft Drinks

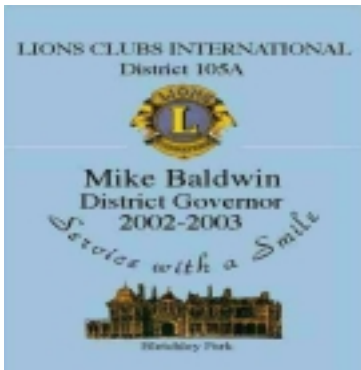
Tea & Coffee

Limited to first 1,000 seats only

Contact Lion Ken Rouse

Reply from the District Governor

First of all Lion Vijay, thank you very much for your letter. I hope it encourages other members to send their views to 105A News. This is one way I wanted to use 105A news this year. Your point about CD's is well made and modern technology does move on, sometimes very quickly. I am sure MD and International already prepare information on CD but of course we may well be running to catch up as CD's themselves may well soon be overtaken by something else. I am glad to say that like you, most members think the cassette is well produced and of course it is easy to show with a television at roadshows etc. when VCR's are, at the moment, more frequently available than DVD's. However I will pass on your comments to the Multiple District PRO for consideration. Thank you for taking the time to write.



Lions Clubs International

District Governor's Newsletter

Mike Baldwin District Governor



JANUARY 2003

To all Lions Lionesses and Leos

The start of a new year. Janet & I hope that you all have a very prosperous and peaceful year ahead. Let us all re-new our commitment to those who need help. Let us also move together in optimism and friendship even in those few inevitable times when we may disagree one with the other.

District Convention 1 March

Both Janet & I are looking forward to this immensely. Please make sure your Club Delegate form is returned to PDG Lion Cecil Worbey by **1 February 2003**. This is most important. Would all club *Treasurers* and *Secretaries* also please make sure their clubs are in good standing. This means that District, Multiple District & International dues **MUST** be paid for the second half of the Lionistic year. Don't forget your Registration Forms as well. These should be sent to Lion Ivor Poole (Full information is on the form). See you all there.

Multiple District Convention

Please make sure your delegate form (the Yellow copy) is returned to District Secretary Lion Parveen by 31 January. (These must be returned to Parveen **even if it is a NIL return**)

Membership Forms

Sadly, after a good start, we are now falling behind in submitting *membership* forms. In December, 13 were outstanding at the due date. This is outside the parameters allowed by LCI (which is 10% of clubs or in our case 8). It was the same in November and so for two months in a row our District has not met its obligations. Could I ask all club secretaries to complete their *membership* forms as soon as the last meeting in the month has taken place and submit them to Lion Keith Tooley. Thank you for helping me.

The Lions Eye Health Programme

In order to gauge the overall success of the Lions Eye Health Programme an evaluation is being sent to every club in MD105. Because the programme is an awareness-raising programme, the evaluation must be quantitative (recording numbers of pamphlets) as well as qualitative (analysing feedback). Feedback from LEHP Clubs and Non LEHP clubs is therefore critical. Evaluation packages will arrive in clubs in mid-March for return to the District LEHP officer Lion Chris Cherry by **1 May 2003**. Please complete the evaluation even if you are not signed up to LEHP (the evaluation form you receive if you are not signed up will be different to that received by clubs that are signed up, for obvious reasons). Any queries please contact Lion Chris. This evaluation was a condition under which the Sight First Grant to fund LEHP was awarded.

Senior Citizens Party 2 February

I am delighted to report that we will be hosting 1000 Senior Citizens at Harrow Leisure Centre on 2 February for their party. This is a tremendous undertaking and the committee have worked very hard on the event. I am delighted because I see this as a great community project which helps many people. If I can sum this up with a true story. Last year I was clearing up after the party and for some reason I noticed a table napkin before I put it into the sack. On it the person had simply written, **Thank You**. Fellow Lions that's enough for us.

Where there is Despair, Let me bring Hope

Welcome New Members

Welcome to the following new members. Thank you for joining us. Do have a great time

Paul Newton	Ampthill District
John Graves	Chipping Norton
Sabina Grover	London Host
Peter Cramner	Winslow

United Nations Day 11 March

United Nations Day is 11 March at the Houses of Parliament. This year our International President Kay K Fukushima will be attending. This is a chance to meet him and to hear interesting talks in a superb setting. Also there will be similar days held in Cardiff, Edinburgh and Armagh.

Since the creation of the United Nations in 1945 there has been a close relationship between Lions Clubs International and the United Nations which is, of course, limited to humanitarian endeavours.

Since 1978 Lions Clubs International have been privileged to have a "Lions Day with the United Nations" in New York, and since 1994 we have held a Lions Day with the United Nations here. To give more members the chance to take part the four meetings have been arranged as mentioned above.

The meeting which will be best for us is therefore Tuesday 11 March 2003 in the Houses of Parliament hosted by Lion Dr Andrew Murrison MP of Westbury Lions Club at 2.00pm. Admission is free but by **ticket only** and space is limited. Apart from KK there will be other guest speakers including a government speaker.

For full details contact PDG Len Aldridge Tel 01293 883925. E-Mail: len@aldridge-family.freemove.co.uk

Funday Walk

Sponsorship is still outstanding from the walk at Berkhamsted. Would all those that have money to collect please do so and send it to the District Treasurer Lion Dilip Shah tout de suite. (this is a nice way of saying, now)

Obituaries

I am very sorry to have to report two deaths in the family of Lions. Lion Secretary Ramesh Patel, of the Lions Club of Southall, and Lion Nindhi Shah of the Lions Club of Wanstead and Woodford Lions Club have both passed on. Both these Lions were dedicated to helping others and will be sadly missed. Our thoughts are with the families and we are thankful for their lives.

In addition Lion Bharat Mistri lost his Father also in December. Our thoughts are with him and his family and all those that have lost loved ones.

PDG Lion Ron Wilkes

As many will know Lion Ron has recently suffered difficulties with his heart and will need some hospital treatment to sort him out. I am very pleased to say that he has come through the immediate problems and is already back doing his job as Convention Officer. I was concerned that the problem arose on the day of my official visit to Stevenage Lions (Lion Ron is President). Ron if you didn't want to see me you should have said.

Changes

Wantage and Grove: Temporary Treasurer: Lion Secretary Ernest Draper, 12 Chancel Way Marcham Abingdon Oxon OX13 6QB
E-Mail: Ernest.Draper@bigfoot.com

Staines & Ashford: From 28 January will meet at BP Meadhurst Club, Chertsey Road, Sunbury on Thames, Middlesex TW

Hayes & Harlington: New secretary: Lion Pam Freestone. 1 Mabel Evetts Court, St Christopher Drive, Hayes UB3 3ET

South Herts Moor Park: President: Lion Ramesh Radia Stagien, Lower Plantation Road, Loudwater, Rickmansworth WD3 4PQ
Tel: 01923 896566

Newport Pagnell & Olney: New Secretary Lion Bob Benbow, 43 Dingleberry, Olney, MK46 5ES
Tel: 01234 712233

Southall: New Secretary Lion Dilip Rajani, Kitterick, Shaftsbury Road, Woking GU22 4DU
Tel: 01483 776229

DG's Diary

Feb 2	Senior Citizens Party	
	Harrow Leisure Centre	
Feb 3	St Albans	OV
Feb 4	Banbury	OV
Feb 5	Royston	OV
Feb 6	Denham	OV
Feb 8	Hayes & Harlington	50th CA
Feb 10	Hitchin	OV
Feb 11	London Hampstead	OV
Feb 12	Chipping Barnet	OV
Feb 16	Zone C Swimming Gala	
Feb 19	MK Stony Stratford	OV
Feb 21-23	MD Youth Award Final	Nottingham
Feb 22	Ruislip	CA
Feb 23	District Quiz Final	
	Blakemore Hitchin	
Feb 24-28	Preparing for Convention	